

## **H.R. 2352 The Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009**

### **Modernizes SBA's entrepreneurial development resources to reflect the changing needs of small firms.**

- Reauthorizes and updates the Small Business Development Center, Women's Business Center and SCORE programs.
- Establishes nationwide assistance for veteran entrepreneurs and Native American business owners.
- Creates a new distance learning initiative that uses technology to reach entrepreneurs the nation.

### **Title I creates the first nationwide business assistance program for veterans.**

- Designates new outreach facilities across the country.
- Establishes specialized assistance programs for procurement, service-disabled veterans, and financing.

### **Title II increases access to entrepreneurial development services.**

- Creates a distance learning program within SBA, using advanced communication technologies to broadcast content to entrepreneurs throughout the nation.
- Requires content to be made available in critical areas of importance to today's small businesses.

### **Title III ensures entrepreneurial development services are customized to Native American entrepreneurs' needs.**

- Creates the SBA's Office of Native American Affairs.
- Establishes grants for business development outreach facilities in regions with high concentrations of Native American enterprises.

### **Title IV improves and expands business development resources for women entrepreneurs.**

- Increases counseling and training facilities through the Women's Business Center program.
- Targets underserved areas and makes the Women's Business Program more performance-based.

### **Title V increases the effectiveness of the SCORE program.**

- Requires SCORE counselor to reflect the demographics of today's business community.
- Establishes new performance and benchmark requirements for the agency's business mentoring resources.

### **Title VI updates the organization and management of SBA's entrepreneurial development program.**

- Increases coordination among SBA entrepreneurial development programs.
- Requires strategic planning by the agency, which focuses on using resources for job creation.
- Modernizes SBA's information technology and web portal related to these programs.

**Title VII authorizes the development of specialized assistance programs at Small Business Development Centers.**

- Creates new initiatives aimed at assisting businesses secure federal stimulus contracts and secure affordable financing.
- Establishes targeted resource to address the current downturn, including making expert assistance and 24/7 hotlines available to entrepreneurs.
- Promotes the green economy by providing tools to create businesses in the fields of green technology, clean technology, and energy efficiency.

**H.R. 2352 strengthens SBA's entrepreneurial development programs.**

- Legislation ensures that small businesses can not only survive the current downturn, but also expand and create new jobs.
- The proposed initiatives promote entrepreneurship in underserved areas, such as rural America, veteran populations, and inner cities, while spurring private investment in all communities.
- HR 2352 is a low-cost investment that will create jobs and increase tax revenue.